

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-11 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,615,177 to Rapp et al. ("Rapp"); and rejected claims 1-11 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,535,854 to Buchner et al. ("Buchner").

Claims 1-11 are pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for granting the August 6, 2008 interview with Applicants' representative. In the interview, the Examiner and Applicants' representative agreed that upon the filing of these remarks, the Examiner would withdraw the grounds of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-11 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, as being allegedly patentably indistinct from claims 1-24 of *Rapp*.

Applicants' claim 1 recites a voice recognition control system for "controlling input/output of a preregistered first electronic device having a prerecorded first voice recognition table where an operator's voice is stored in advance as an expected value," (emphasis added).

Claim 1 from *Rapp* recites "receiving at least one device document," "adapting a general document comprising a language . . . with a received device-document," and "translating a received and recognized spoken user-command into a corresponding user-network-command on the basis of . . . said general document." However, this does not constitute or suggest "controlling input/output of a preregistered first electronic device," as recited in Applicants' claim 1 (emphasis added). Moreover, *Rapp's* claims

are silent with respect to “a prerecorded first voice recognition table where an operator's voice is stored in advance as an expected value,” as recited in Applicants' claim 1 (emphasis added). For at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentably distinct from *Rapp*'s claims.

Independent claim 7 of this application, while of different scope than claim 1, is patentably distinct from *Rapp*'s claims for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Claims 2-6 and 8-11 depend from claims 1 and 7, respectively.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-11 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, as being allegedly patentably indistinct from claims 1-24 of *Buchner*.

Claim 1 of *Buchner* recites a speech unit, a device, and “a control unit in said speech unit to send control-network-commands to said device connected to said speech unit so that said device transmits device or medium dependent vocabulary and/or grammar . . . to said speech unit,” (emphasis added). However, *Buchner*'s claims are silent with respect to “a prerecorded first voice recognition table where an operator's voice is stored in advance as an expected value,” as recited in Applicants' claim 1 (emphasis added). For at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentably distinct from *Buchner*'s claims.

Independent claim 7 of this application, while of different scope than claim 1, is patentably distinct from *Buchner*'s claims for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Claims 2-6 and 8-11 depend from claims 1 and 7, respectively.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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